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SUBJ: CODEL O'NEILL

WHEN CODEL O'NEILL ARRIVED SATURDAY AFTERNOON, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, CHAIRMAN O'NEILL INDICATED THAT THE CODEL WAS STOPPING OVER IN ATHENS FOR AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ANY OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHILE IN ATHENS. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN INFORMED PRIVATELY IN ADVANCE OF THE CODEL'S VISIT AND SENT WORD TO CHAIRMAN O'NEILL THAT HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE O'NEILL IN HIS OFFICE MONDAY MORNING MARCH 31. IN THE LIGHT OF THE MANY COURTESIES EXTENDED BY THE GOG TO THE CODEL AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD BE OFFENDED IF O'NEILL DID NOT AGREE TO AT LEAST A BRIEF COURTESY CALL, CHAIRMAN O'NEILL ACCOMPANIED BY GARY HYMEL, HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, AND AMBASSADOR KUBISCH MADE A VERY SHORT VISIT TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE THIS MORNING. CHAIRMAN O'NEILL, ON BEHALF OF HIS DELEGATION, THANKED CARAMANLIS AND THE GOG FOR COURTESIES AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR THEIR STOPOVER IN ATHENS. THE VISIT WAS PURELY SOCIAL AND NO SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED. KUBISCH

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